

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4 and 7 are pending in the present application. Claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 4 and 7 have been amended. No new matter has been added by way of the above amendments. Claim 1 incorporates the subject matter of claims 2 and 3.

Restrictions under 35 USC §102

Claims 1-4 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by US 2003/0059618 to Takai (hereinafter "Takai"). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Takai discloses a resin composition containing an alicyclic epoxy compound having two alicyclic epoxy groups and no ester bond, cationic polymerization initiator and another epoxy compound different from said epoxy compound. However, Takai fails to disclose or suggest using acrylic resin having both epoxy group and hydroxyl group to his resin composition.

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

Since Takai does not teach each and every limitation of the claimed invention, Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims are not properly anticipated by Takai.

Restrictions under 35 USC §103

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Takai in view of USP 6,210,790 to Crivello (hereinafter "Crivello"). Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Takai in view of USP 3,278,456 to Starcher et al. (hereinafter "Starcher").

Claims 5 and 6 have been cancelled in the present response. Thus, the outstanding rejections have been rendered moot. Withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Monique T. Cole, Reg. No. 60,154 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.147; particularly, extension of time fees.

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